his Ministry and informed about the Government's stand on the involvement of South African Cricket Team mates into match-fixing scandal;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with her on the issue;

(c) whether the clarifications sought by the South African High Commissioner have been categorically denied; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The South African High Commissioner in New Delhi met a senior official in the Ministry of External Affairs on 10th April 2000, at her request.

(b) to (d) During the said meeting, the matter regarding the involvement of a South African cricket player in a matter of alleged match-fixing was also discussed, among other issues. Both sides agreed that in a case of criminal conspiracy, fraud anmd cheating filed by the Delhi Police, the law must be allowed to take its own course. The two sides also reiterated that this episode would not affect in any way the close and cordial relations between the two countries, who are committed to implementing a Strategic Partnership.

China's Naval Presence along the Western seaboard of Myanmar

3581. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that China has already established a naval presence along the Western Seaboard of Myanmar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that U.S. President, during his recent visit to Bangladesh, had sought its naval presence in the Bay of Bengal; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) there have been unconfirmed reports about the presence of some Chinese personnel in Myamnar primarily to assist Myanmar Naval personnel in training and maintenance of their ships. It may be recalled that Chinese have supplied Myanmar Navy with ships and weapon system. There has been considerable interaction in the field of Defence cooperation between the two countries.

(b) The Government has no information to this effect.

(c) The Government of India has shared its security concerns with Myanmar. The Government of Myanmar has consistently denied granting any facilities to the Chinese. It has assured the Government of India that it would not allow its territory to be used by any third party against the security interests of a friendly neighbour like India.

United Nation's Millennium Summit

3582. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Heads of Governments are meeting for the "U.N.'s Millennium Summit" in New York in September, 2000 to discuss "Role of the United Nations in the 21st Century" based on the Report of the U.N. Secretary-General;

(b) whether U.N. Secretary-General has expressed grave concern by saying "Security Council did not reflect the broad realities of our times and also its composition did not fully represent either the character or needs of the globalised world"; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have been taken at diplomatic level to claim for our membership of the Security Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir. The Heads of State or Government are meeting at the United National in New York on September 6 to 8, 2000 to take part in the Millennium Summit, which will discuss "The role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century". The UN Secretary-General has submitted his report on the Millennium Summit as part of the preparatory process.

(b) The UN Secretary-General has stated in his report that the UN Security Council is based on the distribution of power and alignments in 1945 and that the composition of the Council today does not fully represent either the character or the needs of our globalised world.

(c) The Government of India have taken up India's candidatuce for permanent membership of the UN Security Council at bilateral level with individual countries as well as in discussions at the United Nations.